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VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION
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Federal Election Commission
Attn: Jeff S. Jordan
999 E. Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 6627

Dear Mr. Jordan:

Thank you for an opportunity for us to respond to this complaint on behalf of our client, Eric Wilber.

Mr. Wilber is a political novice who volunteered to support Mike Moon, a candidate for the 7th Congressional District of Missouri. Mr. Moon ran for office with the help and assistance of grassroots support and volunteers. On or about July 28, 2012, Mr. Wilber was volunteering to answer phones for the campaign. He took a phone call from Gregg Hansen who works for the Community Free Press in Springfield, Missouri. Mr. Hansen asked if Mr. Moon would be interested in running an advertisement. Mr. Wilber told him that he would forward the information to Mr. Moon. Mr. Wilber relayed the inquiry to Mr. Moon and was told that the campaign simply did not have the budget to place the ad. Mr. Wilber called Mr. Hansen to relay that information and was told that a smaller but less expensive advertisement space was available.

Mr. Wilber informed Mr. Moon that a less expensive advertisement space was available and was again told that the campaign could not afford the advertisement. Mr. Wilber called Mr. Hansen back and told him that the campaign could not afford the advertisement. During that call, Mr. Wilber asked Mr. Hansen whether he could personally pay for the advertisement since Mr. Moon could not afford it and said no to the advertisement inquiry. In his discussions with Mr. Hansen, it was discussed that the advertisement was an expenditure by Mr. Wilber not the campaign. Also, Mr. Wilber asked the publisher what type of disclosure information needed to be placed on the advertisement and the publisher's response was "I've never done it before". Being a political novice and an unpaid volunteer, Mr. Wilber was unaware of any requirement that contact information had to be placed on the advertisement.

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Mr. Wilber paid \$232.00 for the advertisement. He did not report the expenditure as it was below the \$250.00 threshold per the Federal Election Commission rules. Even if the expenditure had exceeded the \$250.00 threshold, the expenditure report would not be due until the end of this month.

We humbly request that the Federal Election Commission dismiss said complaint. Please feel free to contact me directly regarding any questions or concerns regarding the issues raised in this matter.

Thank you for your time and attention in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

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By 
Eric A. Farris

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